Increase in Frequency of Trains

4555. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequency of some trains have been increased in 1996-97;

(b) whether frequency of some more trains is likely to be increased during 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the details thereof trains-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached.

Statement

Increase in Frequency of Trains

The frequency of the following trains has been increased during 1996-97:

1. 6043/6044 Madras-Patna Express weekly to bi-weekly
2. 5209/5210 Barauni-Amritsar Jansewa Express bi-weekly to tri-weekly.
3. 6045/6046 Navjivan Express 6 days a week to daily.
4. 8301/8302 Hirakund Express tri-weekly to 4 days a week.
5. 4863/4864 Marudhar Express tri-weekly to 4 days a week.
6. 8403/8404 Puri-Ahmadabad Express weekly to tri-weekly.
7. 6339/6340 Nagercoil-Mumbai CST Express weekly to tri-weekly.
8. 7003/7004 Falaknuma Express tri-weekly to daily.
9. 3045/3046 Saraighat Express weekly to tri-weekly.
10. 5205/5206 Delhi-Muzaffarpur Express bi-weekly to daily.
11. 1017/1018 Bangalore-Mumbai CST Exp. bi-weekly to 4 days a week.
12. 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express weekly to bi-weekly.
13. 2429/2430 Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express weekly to bi-weekly.

It is proposed to increase the frequency of the following trains during 1997-98:

1. 9767/9768 Jaipur-Chennai Express from weekly to tri-weekly.
2. 7611/7612 Nanded-Amritsar Express from weekly to tri-weekly.
3. 4245/4246 Surat-Varanasi Express from 4 days a week to 5 days a week.
4. 3301/3302 Dhanbad-Tatanagar Suvarnrekha Express 6 days a week to daily.

Frequency of 2633/2634 Nizamuddin-Madras Rajdhani Experss has already been increased from weekly to bi-weekly during 1997-98 from 1.4.1997.

Defective and Substandard work of Konkan Railways

4556. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completed sections of the Konkan Railway have been found to be defective and substandard;

(b) if so, the sections with mileage, which have been found to be substandard;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the construction of defective and substandard tracks of the Konkan Railway; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.